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**Catholics N= 580**

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1. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right Direction	Wrong Track	DK/NA		Right Direction	Wrong Track	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	42	48	10	3/28-4/2/08	14	81	5
7/22-23/02 CBS	39	53	8	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	14	83	3
8/6-7/02 CBS	41	51	8	7/7-14/08	14	81	5
9/2-5/02	43	49	8	9/12-16/08	14	81	5
10/3-6/02	42	48	10	10/10-13/08	7	89	4
10/27-31/02	41	52	8	10/19-22/08	11	85	4
11/20-24/02	41	49	10	10/25-29/08	11	85	4
2/10-12/03	35	56	9	12/4-8/08 CBS	12	83	5
3/22/2003	50	40	10	1/11-15/09	15	79	6
4/11-13/03	56	36	9	2/2-4/09 CBS	23	68	9
9/28-10/1/03	37	56	7	3/12-16/09 CBS	35	57	8
7/13-27/03	46	49	5	4/1-5/09	39	53	7
11/10-12/03 CBS	39	53	8	4/22-26/09	41	50	9
12/10-13/03	39	56	5	5/6-12/09 CBS	45	48	7
12/14-15/03	49	43	8	6/12-16/09	44	50	6
1/12-15/04	42	53	5	7/9-12/09 CBS	35	57	8
2/12-15/04 CBS	41	51	8	7/24-28/09	42	49	9
3/10-14/04	38	54	8	9/19-23/09	41	53	6
3/30-4/1/04 CBS	36	57	7	12/4-8/09	37	56	7
4/23-27/04	36	55	9	1/14-17/10 CBS	36	55	9
5/20-23/04 CBS	30	65	5	2/5-10/10	33	62	5
6/23-27/04	36	57	6	4/5-12/10	34	59	7
7/11-15/04	36	56	8	5/4-5/10 CBS	33	58	9
8/15-18/04 CBS	39	55	6	5/20-24/10 CBS	32	61	7
9/12-16/04	41	51	7	6/16-20/10	32	60	8
9/20-22/04 CBS	41	54	5	9/10-14/10	33	60	6
10/1-3/04	40	51	9	10/1-5/10 CBS	32	63	5
10/14-17/04	37	59	4	10/21-26/10	34	61	5
10/28-30/04	43	55	2	11/7-10/10 CBS	29	62	9
11/18-21/04	40	54	6	1/15-19/11	32	64	4
1/14-18/05	39	56	5	2/11-14/11 CBS	36	58	6
2/24-28/05	42	52	6	3/18-21/11 CBS	30	64	6
3/9-14/05 NYT	37	56	7	4/15-20/11	26	70	5
4/13-16/05 CBS	32	62	6	6/3-7/11 CBS	31	60	9
5/20-24/05 CBS	34	60	6	6/24-28/11	28	63	9
6/10-15/05	33	61	6	7/22-24/11 CBS	22	70	8
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	37	57	6	9/10-15/11	23	72	5
9/9-13/05	31	63	6	9/28-10/2/11 CBS	19	73	8
10/3-5/05 CBS	37	58	5	10/19-24/11	21	74	5
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	27	68	5	12/5-7/11 CBS	21	75	4
12/2-6/05	31	60	9	12/14-18/11 CBS	25	69	6
1/5-8/06 CBS	31	62	7	1/4-8/12 CBS	29	65	6
1/20-25/06	32	61	7	1/12-17/12	29	66	4
3/9-12/06 CBS	28	66	9	2/8-13/12	35	59	6
4/28-30/06 CBS	24	71	5	2/24-27/12 CBS	24	67	8
5/4-8/06	23	70	7	3/7-11/12	29	63	7
6/10-11/06 CBS	27	69	4	4/13-17/12	31	61	7
7/21-25/06	28	66	6	5/31-6/3/12 CBS	31	62	7
8/17-21/06	29	67	4	7/11-16/12	30	64	6
10/27-31/06	29	64	7	8/22-26/12 CBS	31	62	7
12/8-10/06 CBS	24	70	6	9/8-12/12	40	54	6
1/1-3/07 CBS	27	68	5	10/17-20/12 CBS	40	53	7
1/18-21/07 CBS	26	69	5	10/25-28/12	39	54	7
2/8-11/07 CBS	26	68	6	12/12-16/12 CBS	37	57	6
2/23-27/07	23	68	9	1/11-15/13	38	57	5
5/18-23/07	24	72	4	<b>2/23-27/13</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8</b>
6/26-28/07 CBS	19	75	6	<b>Catholics</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>7</b>
7/9-17/07	22	72	6				
9/4-8/07	24	71	4				
12/5-9/07	21	71	8				
1/9-12/08	19	75	6				

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2. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? 1. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship. 2. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship. 3. They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S.

	Stay and apply for citizenship	Stay as guest workers	Required to leave jobs & U.S.	DK/NA
12/5-9/07	38	28	28	6
4/22-26/09	44	21	30	5
4/28-5/2/10	43	21	32	4
9/10-15/11	37	20	38	5
12/14-18/11 CBS	44	26	26	4
2/8-13/12	42	22	30	5
5/31-6/3/12	43	21	32	3
10/25-28/12	51	20	24	5
12/12-16/12	47	24	27	3
1/24-27/13	51	20	24	5
2/6-10/13	53	21	21	5
<b>2/23-27/13</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>

3. Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it; OR 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now; OR 3. Abortion should not be permitted?

	Generally available	Available under stricter limits	Abortion should not be permitted	DK/NA
9/89B <sup>1</sup>	40	40	18	2
11/89	41	42	15	2
1/90	39	40	18	2
8/90	41	41	16	2
6/91	37	38	22	3
8/91B	41	40	15	5
9/91	42	38	18	3
1/92B	40	39	19	2
3/92	44	37	17	2
6/92	42	39	17	2
7/92	41	39	18	2
8/92	41	40	17	2
10/92A	39	42	17	2
10/92C	43	37	16	3
3/93	42	36	20	2
7/94	40	37	21	2
2/95	43	38	18	2
4/95	38	40	20	2
8/95	40	36	22	3
10/95	37	41	20	2
2/96	40	41	18	1
4/96	37	41	21	1
6/96	35	41	20	4
7/96	37	42	19	1
1/98	32	45	22	1
11/99	34	41	22	3
2/00	34	41	23	2
5/00	37	39	22	2
7/00	28	48	21	3
7/00B	34	40	22	4
9/00	35	42	21	2
4/28-5/1/02	31	37	30	2
Catholics	25	40	32	2
1/4-6/03 CBS	38	37	22	3
1/19-22/03	37	40	21	2
7/13-27/03	35	38	25	2
7/11-15/04	34	42	22	2
11/18-21/04	34	44	21	1
1/14-18/05	36	35	26	2
2/24-28/05	35	40	23	2
3/21-22/05 CBS	35	37	25	3
4/13-16/05 CBS	36	38	24	2
12/2-6/05	38	39	20	3
1/20-25/06	38	39	21	3
3/7-11/07	34	41	23	2
5/18-23/07	39	37	21	2
7/9-17/07	41	34	22	2
9/4-9/07	34	39	25	2
12/5-9/07	36	43	18	3
8/15-20/08	34	39	24	3
9/12-16/08	37	42	19	2
6/12-16/09	36	41	21	3
10/5-8/09 CBS	41	35	20	4
11/13-16/09 CBS	34	40	23	3
4/5-12/10	36	38	23	3
8/20-24/10 CBS	36	39	23	2
12/17-20/10 CBS	36	40	20	4
9/10-15/11	31	42	23	4
1/12-17/12	37	37	23	4
9/8-12/12	42	35	20	3
10/25-28/12	46	32	20	2
<b>2/23-27/13</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Question read: Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it. 2. Abortion should be available but more difficult to get than it is now; or 3. Abortion should not be available?

4. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/12-15/89	71	20	9
Catholics	69	21	10
3/30-4/2/90	72	20	8
Catholics	72	21	7
8/16-19/90	76	15	9
Catholics	75	17	8
9/18-22/95	65	21	14
Catholics	64	24	12
6/10-11/97 CBS	67	25	8
4/23-25/01 CBS	69	25	7
5/10-12/01 CBS	66	24	10
6/14-18/01	67	25	8
4/28-5/1/02	66	24	9
Catholics	64	28	8
5/6-9/10 CBS	63	26	11
9/10-15/11	60	27	13
<b>2/23-27/13</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>

5. Do you think it should be legal or not legal for same sex couples to marry?

	Legal	Not legal	DK/NA
7/11-16/12	46	44	9
9/8-12/12	51	44	7
11/16-19/12 CBS	51	41	8
2/6-10/13 CBS	54	39	8
<b>2/23-27/13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>

8. Is your opinion of Pope Benedict the Sixteenth favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't heard enough about Pope Benedict the Sixteenth yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not favorable	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
4/6-9/06	14	4	17	59	6
4/6-9/06 Catholics	40	1	15	39	6
3/29-4/1/10 CBS	15	24	26	31	4
3/29-4/1/10 CBS Catholics	27	11	36	19	7
4/28-5/2/10	16	24	29	30	2
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics	43	17	21	17	1
<b>2/23-27/13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>

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8/87	34	8	19	37	2
8/87 Catholics	59	5	16	19	2
4/94	34	6	25	32	2
4/94 Catholics	62	5	14	18	1
9/95	33	8	23	28	4
9/95 Catholics	67	2	14	14	2
4/15-18/02 CBS	37	15	24	22	2
4/15-18/02 CBS Catholics	69	8	14	8	2
4/28-5/1/02	25	18	19	36	2
4/28-5/1/02 Catholics	53	11	17	18	1

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>

**REMAINING QUESTIONS ASKED ONLY OF CATHOLICS**

9. Overall, do you think the leadership of Pope Benedict has helped the Church, hurt the Church, or has it been a mixed blessing?

	Helped	Hurt	Mixed blessing	DK/NA
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics	25	15	48	12
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10</b>

10. What do you think is the most important problem facing the Catholic Church today?

	<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	4/15-18/02 CBS Catholics	4/21-23/94 Catholics
Sex abuse by priests/cover-up	30	61	9
Celibacy of priests	4	5	3
Shortage of priests/nuns	3	3	8
Role of women/sexism	1	2	4
Church out of touch	6	2	6
Church politics	2	2	-
No credibility/moral decline	2	2	6
Church position on abortion too rigid	1	1	6
Church position on birth control too rigid	1	-	3
Church position on gays and lesbians too rigid	3		1
Mass is unfulfilling/poor quality	1		1
Shortage of churches/Loss of members	5	-	5
Too many abortions/no respect for life/euthanasia	-	-	7
Money poorly spent/Church too money-oriented	1	-	6
Generally too strict	1	1	1
Other	16	15	7
DK/NA	23	12	25

11. Overall, would you rate the way things are going in the Catholic Church in the United States today as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Not so good	Poor	DK/NA
9/18-22/95 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	6	61	28	3	2
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Question read: "Overall, would you rate the way things are going in the American Catholic Church today..."

12. Would you say things in the Catholic Church in the United States are generally getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Better	Worse	Staying the same	DK/NA
9/18-22/95 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	21	24	53	3
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Question read: "Would you say things in the American Catholic Church today..."

13. In general, do you think the Catholic Church is in touch with the needs of Catholics today, or is it out of touch?

	In touch	Out of touch	Depends	DK/NA
8/16-22/87 Catholics	43	48	5	4
4/21-23/94 Catholics	38	59		5
9/18-22/95 Catholics	47	47		6
4/15-18/02 CBS Catholics	47	48		5
4/28-5/1/02 Catholics	40	55		5
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	41	52		7
<b>2/23-27/12 Catholics</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>7</b>

14. In general, do you think most Bishops in the U.S. are in touch with the needs of Catholics today, or are they out of touch?

	In touch	Out of touch	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>

15. In general, do you think most parish priests in the U.S. are in touch with the needs of Catholics today, or are they out of touch?

	In touch	Out of touch	DK/NA
4/21-23/94 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	57	37	6
9/18-22/95 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	64	30	6
4/28-5/1/02 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	65	27	8
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics	60	33	6
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Wording did not include "in the U.S."

16. In general, do you think YOUR parish priests are in touch with the needs of Catholics today, or are they out of touch?

	In touch	Out of touch	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>

17. In general, do you think most nuns in the U.S. are in touch with the needs of Catholics today, or are they out of touch?

	In touch	Out of touch	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>

18. Do you believe the Pope is infallible when he teaches on matters of morality and faith, or not?

	Infallible	Not infallible	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>14</b>

19. On difficult moral questions, which are you more likely to follow - the teachings of the Pope, or your conscience?

	Pope's teachings	Conscience	Both (vol.)	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	18	72	8	2
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

20. Do you think it's possible to disagree with the Pope on issues like birth control, abortion or divorce and still be a good Catholic?

	Possible	Not possible	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
11/18-19/85 Catholics	79	13	3	5
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	82	15	2	1
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

23. Are you in favor of or opposed to letting Catholic priests get married?

	Favor	Opposed	Don't care (vol.)	DK/NA
11/18-19/85 Catholics	63	29	3	6
8/16-22/87 Catholics	59	34	4	3
4/21-23/94 Catholics	64	26	3	6
9/18-22/95 Catholics	58	34	1	7
4/15-18/02 CBS Catholics	71	20	3	6
4/28-5/1/02 Catholics	71	22	1	5
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	67	27	3	3
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics	67	20	8	6
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

24. Are you in favor of or opposed to letting women be ordained as Catholic priests?

	Favor	Opposed	Don't care (vol.)	DK/NA
11/18-19/85 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	52	35	3	10
8/16-22/87 Catholics	56	39	2	4
4/21-23/94 Catholics	59	34	1	6
9/18-22/95 Catholics	60	33	2	5
4/15-18/02 CBS Catholics	63	29	2	6
4/28-5/1/02 Catholics	63	33	1	4
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	60	35	1	4
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics	59	33	2	6
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Varied wording: "letting women become Catholic priests?"

25. Are you in favor or opposed to the use of artificial methods of birth control?

	Favor	Opposed	Don't care (vol.)	DK/NA
4/28-5/1/02 Catholics	71	23		6
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	76	16		8
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

26. How closely would you say you have you been following the resignation of Pope Benedict and the selection of a new Pope - very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>



27. Do you think it was a good idea for Pope Benedict to resign or should he have remained in office until his death?

	Good idea	Should have remained	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>

28. As you may know, the College of Cardinals meets in Rome to select a new Pope. How much confidence do you have that the Cardinals will select a Pope that is in touch with the needs of Catholics today - a great deal, some, not much, or none at all?

	Great deal	Some	Not much	None at all	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics <sup>1</sup>	38	44	12	4	2
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Question read: "As you may know, the College of Cardinals is now meeting..."

29. Some people have discussed the possibility that the next Pope could come from Europe, or Latin America, or from Africa. Do you think the next Pope should be someone from Europe, someone from Latin America, someone from Africa, or from someplace else?

	Europe	Latin Amer.	Africa	Somewhere else/other	U.S. (vol.)	Canada (vol.)	Doesn't make difference (vol.)	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	13	24	6	7	1	-	40	9
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>

30. What ONE THING would you most like to see the next Pope accomplish?

	<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>
Stop persecution of Christians	<b>1</b>
Help create peace	<b>4</b>
Do something about sex abuse	<b>8</b>
Modernize Church	<b>9</b>
Bring people back to church	<b>12</b>
Unify Church	<b>8</b>
Allow priests to marry	<b>7</b>
Allow women to become priests	<b>2</b>
More transparency in Church affairs	<b>5</b>
Help the poor	<b>2</b>
Change rules on contraceptives/homosexuality	<b>7</b>
Keep the real teachings	<b>3</b>
Reach out to other religions	<b>-</b>
Other	<b>4</b>
DK/NA	<b>27</b>

31. Would you like to see the next Pope generally continue the same teachings as Pope Benedict, or change to more conservative teachings, or change to more liberal teachings?

	Continue Pope's teachings	More conservative	More liberal	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>9</b>

32. Which comes closer to what you're looking for in the next Pope? 1. Someone younger with new ideas OR 2. Someone older with more experience.

	Someone younger	Someone older	Doesn't matter (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

33. Any new Pope will be facing a number of issues in his first years. I'm going to read some of them, and for each one would you tell me whether you think the new Pope should be for it, or against it. Should the next Pope be for or against letting priests get married?

	For	Against	Doesn't matter (vol.)	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics <sup>1</sup>	65	31	1	3
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Question included nuns - "...Should the next Pope be for or against letting priests and nuns get married?"

34. Should the next Pope be for or against letting women become priests?

	For	Against	Doesn't matter (vol.)	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	60	34	1	5
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

35. Should the next Pope be for or against legalized abortion?

	For	Against	Doesn't matter (vol.)	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	31	63		6
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

36. Should the next Pope be for or against the death penalty?

	For	Against	Doesn't matter (vol.)	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	40	49	1	10
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

37. Should the next Pope be for or against the use of artificial methods of birth control?

	For	Against	Doesn't matter (vol.)	DK/NA
4/13-16/05 CBS Catholics	69	24	3	4
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

38. Should the next Pope be for or against the use of condoms to prevent the spread of HIV and other diseases?

	For	Against	Doesn't matter (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>

40. Do you think that some government policies restrict the religious liberty of Catholics in the United States, or don't you feel that way?

	Yes, gov't restricts	No, gov't doesn't	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4</b>

41. Do you think Pope Benedict and the Vatican have done a good job or a poor job of handling the reports of past sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests?

	Good job	Poor job	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>12</b>

Related trend: Do you think the Pope and the Vatican have done a good job or a poor job handling the recent charges of sexual abuse of children and teenagers by priests?

	Good job	Poor job	DK/NA
4/28-5/1/02 Catholics	40	45	15
6/18-20/02 CBS Catholics	26	64	10
3/29-4/1/10 CBS Catholics <sup>1</sup>	20	55	25

<sup>1</sup>Wording did not include "the recent"

42. Do you think the Vatican is doing a better job today than it did in the past dealing with the problem of priests who abuse children, a worse job, or do you think there's not much difference?

	Better job	Worse job	No difference	DK/NA
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics	49	4	42	5
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>

43. Have the reports of past sexual abuse of children by priests led you to question the authority of the Vatican, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	40	55	6
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>

<sup>1</sup>Wording: "Have the recent reports....."

44. Do you think health insurance plans for all employees should have to cover the full cost of birth control for their female employees, or should employers be allowed to opt out of covering that, based on religious or moral objections?

	Cover birth control	Allowed to opt out	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
3/7-11/12 Catholics	40	54	3	3
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

45. What about for religiously affiliated employers, such as a hospital or university? Do you think their health insurance plans for all employees should have to cover the full cost of birth control for their female employees, or should they be allowed to opt out of covering that, based on religious or moral objections?

	Cover birth control	Allowed to opt out	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
3/7-11/12 Catholics	32	66	1	2
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

46. IF ANSWERED, "OPT OUT" TO Q.45, ASK: What if the health insurance company covered the full cost of birth control at no cost to the employer? Then, do you think employers should have to provide birth control coverage for their female employees or should they still be allowed to opt out of the coverage on religious or moral grounds?

	Provide coverage	Allowed to opt out	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

47. Do you think the debate on this issue is more about religious freedom or more about women's health and their rights?

	Religious freedom	Women's health/rights	Both (vol.)	DK/NA
3/7-11/12 Catholics <sup>1</sup>	46	48	3	4
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

<sup>1</sup>Question did not include "the debate on"

48. As you may know, the Vatican has been conducting two studies of American nuns. The Vatican says the purpose is to examine whether the nuns are faithfully upholding Church doctrine. Opponents of the studies say the Vatican is trying to rein in nuns who have taken a more modern interpretation of Catholic teaching. How much have you heard or read about this -- a lot, some, not too much or nothing at all?

	A lot	Some	Not too much	Nothing at all	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55</b>	

49. Do you support or oppose the Vatican conducting these studies of American nuns?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>

51. In general, when you attend church, would you say the Mass is usually about as meaningful to you as you expect it to be, or does it fall short of your expectations?

	Meaningful	Falls short	More meaningful (vol.)	Don't go (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

52. Which of the following comes closer to what you believe takes place at Mass: 1) The bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ or 2) The bread and wine are symbolic reminders of Christ?

	Bread and wine changed	Symbolic reminders	DK/NA
4/21-23/94 Catholics	34	63	3
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>

54. In the last few years, has the amount of money you contribute to the Catholic Church changed much? IF SO, ASK: Have you contributed more money or less money?

	Yes, more	Yes, less	Has not changed	Don't contribute to church (vol.)	DK/NA
2/23-27/13 Catholics	16	17	64	3	1

55. IF ANSWERED "LESS" TO Q.54, ASK: In general, would you say you've contributed less money recently because of your personal financial circumstances or because you are unhappy with the church, or for some other reason?

	Financial sit.	Unhappy with church	Both (vol.)	Other	DK/NA
2/23-27/13 Catholics	51	26	8	11	4

56. Would you say you attend Mass more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

	More than once a week	Once a week	Once/twice a month	Few times a year	Never	DK/NA
4/28-5/2/10 Catholics	7	40	22	25	5	1
2/23-27/13 Catholics	8	37	24	24	6	1

57. ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ATTEND MASS: Do you think it was a good idea or a bad idea to change the English translation of the liturgy in 2011 to what is now used at Mass?

	Good idea	Bad idea	DK/NA
2/23-27/13 Catholics	52	32	16

58. ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ATTEND MASS: How do you rate the quality of sermons or homilies by priests at your church - excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Not so good	Poor	DK/NA
2/23-27/13 Catholics	32	53	10	2	3

59. ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ATTEND MASS: Has your parish church closed or merged in the last few years, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2/23-27/13 Catholics	11	85	3

60. These last few questions are for background only. Do you think of yourself as a strong Catholic, or a not very strong Catholic?

	Strong	Not very strong	DK/NA
2/23-27/13 Catholics	55	43	2

62. How important is religion in your daily life? Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not at all	DK/NA
2/23-27/13 Catholics	22	47	29	3	-

63. Did you attend either a Catholic elementary school or a Catholic high school?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>54</b>	

Do you have any children? IF YES, ASK: Are any of your children under 18?

	Yes, under 18	Yes, over 18	No	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	

64. IF PARENT OF CHILD UNDER 18, ASK: Do any of your children attend either a Catholic elementary school or Catholic high school?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>71</b>	

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>15</b>	

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative? IF LIBERAL, ASK: Would you say you are very liberal or only somewhat liberal? IF CONSERVATIVE, ASK: Would you say you are only somewhat conservative or very conservative?

	Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-</b>

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>

Was your total family income in 2012 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>

	Male	Female
<b>2/23-27/13 Catholics</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>